

## **Preliminary List of principal issues needing resolution at Tomales Bay State Park**

Tomales Bay State Park is currently made up of seven disconnected land parcels in five named “areas.” Two areas are on the west side of Tomales Bay: the *Heart’s Desire Area* and the three parcels in the *Inverness Area*. The other three areas are distributed along Highway 1 on the east side of Tomales Bay: the *Millerton/Tomasini Point Area* (with undeveloped uplands), the *Marconi Cove Area*, and the northernmost *Cypress Grove Area*. Some of the park properties on the east side of the bay are relatively recent acquisitions. The only park areas presently developed for recreational use are the *Heart’s Desire Area* and the lowland parts of the *Millerton/Tomasini Point Area*.

**The plan will explore how to address the following goals and issues:**

### **Resource Protection**

1. Improve protection and management of the park’s aesthetic resources and the area’s unique sense of place
2. Improve the quality of the park’s stream, estuary, and bay waters and to reduce erosion and heal erosion scars.
3. Enhance and preserve terrestrial, estuarine, intertidal, and marine habitats
4. Restore native plant communities and natural vegetation dynamics
5. Manage exotic plant problems
6. Restore and protect sensitive plant and animal populations in the park and work with others to restore and protect local and regional biocorridors
7. Improve protection and management of the park’s archeological and historic resources

### **Recreation and Visitor Safety**

8. Improve, coordinate, and integrate recreational access and opportunities within the park’s scattered properties on both sides of the bay
9. Improve visitor safety regarding hazards such as wildfire, landslides, and earthquakes and improve the park’s cooperation with fire control agencies

### **Education and Interpretation**

10. Enhance the park’s interpretive and educational programs and facilities

### **Park Administration, Community Relations, and Interagency Coordination**

11. Improve employee housing, administration, and park maintenance facilities
12. Improve the park’s ecological, biological, recreational, and educational relationships with neighboring lands, land-uses, landowners, jurisdictions, services, and facilities
13. Enhance interagency coordination of regional resource and recreation planning, development, and management issues (such as trail connections, boat access, campgrounds, land acquisition, water quality, wildfire and prescribed burning issues, exotic plants and animals, sudden oak death, biocorridors, traffic issues, and the scenic and aquatic resources of Tomales Bay)

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